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APOLLO DISTRICT INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS APRIL 2005

*Celebrate national parks week
April 18th-April 24th*

PONTOON BOAT CRUISE: THE BACKWATERS OF MOSQUITO LAGOON

Journey with a National Park Ranger on a visit to colorful places that lend character to this vital estuary. Our pontoon boat Tortuga del Sol is U.S. Coast Guard inspected and our licensed captain and experienced mates are trained to provide you with a memorable and safe park water tour. Join us for a two hour journey as we cruise from the Visitor Center on most Sundays, weather permitting. **RESERVATIONS are REQUIRED and SPACE IS LIMITED.** A cost recovery fee of \$13.00 per person is charged for all passengers. Call 386-428-3384 ext. 10 to reserve a space.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH AND APRIL 21ST-1:00 PM-“FISH MOSQUITO LAGOON” Learn tips and tricks for fishing the water of Mosquito Lagoon. Bring your own tackle if you can, we have some supplies. Bring water and sunscreen. Meet at the Visitor Information Center. (2 hours)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13TH-9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM-“CANOE MOSQUITO LAGOON” Paddle the backwaters of Mosquito Lagoon and learn about this unique and vital estuary. We will begin taking reservations on Wednesday, April 6th. Space is limited. Some experience is preferred. Must be at least 8 years old and able to paddle. Must wear covered shoes **NO SANDALS OR FLIP-FLOPS**. Dress to get wet. Bring water and sunscreen. Individuals with their own canoes or kayaks are welcome to join in. Meet at the Visitor Information Center. For a spot call 386-428-3384 ext. 10

THURSDAY, APRIL 14TH AND APRIL 28TH-1:00 PM-“HOOK, LINE AND SINKER” Bait, rigs and tackle tips will be discussed for surf fishing on Apollo Beach, along with the rules and regulations for keeping what you catch. Bring water and

sunscreen. We have a few rods; feel free to bring your own. Meet at the Visitor Information Center. (2 hours)

TUESDAY, APRIL 19TH -9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM-“CANOE MOSQUITO LAGOON” Paddle the backwaters of Mosquito Lagoon and learn about this unique and vital estuary up close. We will begin taking reservations on Tuesday, April 12th. Space is limited. Some experience preferred. Must be at least 8 years old and able to paddle. Must wear covered shoes **NO SANDALS OR FLIP-FLOPS**. Dress to get wet. Bring water and sunscreen. Individuals with their own canoes or kayaks are welcome to join in. For a spot call (386) 428-3384 ext. 10.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21ST -10:00 AM-“BEACH WALK” Join a ranger as you learn about the wonderful things that can be found on Apollo Beach if you just look. Bring sunscreen and water. Meet at parking area #1A. (1 hour)

SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD -9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM-“CANAVERAL CLEANUP” Celebrate National Parks Week by keeping you local National Park beautiful. Meet at the Visitor Information Center to sign in and receive trash bags for cleaning the beach or boaters may dock behind the Visitor Information Center and receive trash bags for cleaning the islands. Bring water, sunscreen and gloves. (4 hours)

SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD -1:00 PM-“PINE NEEDLE BASKET WEAVING” Learn the ancient art of pine needle basket weaving. Great for beginners or those looking to brush up on their skills. The materials will be provided, just bring your imagination. Meet at the Visitor Information Center. (1 hour)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27TH -2:00 PM-“SEA TURTLE PREVIEW” It's that time of year again. Join a ranger as we discuss the various types of turtles and what we can expect this nesting season. Meet at the Visitor Information Center. (1 hour)

FRIDAY, APRIL 29TH -12:30 PM-“BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES” Bring a bag lunch and join us at the pavilion behind the Visitor Information Center for a special guest speaker. This month we are welcoming Don Spence director of the Paw Paw chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society. Mr. Spence will be discussing the importance of native plants in landscaping and preserving biodiversity. (1 hour)